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Children's "counting-out" games—played in groups by chanting nonsense rhymes—have been around for centuries. There is also a long tradition of rhymes to be used while skipping rope. This entertaining little book introduces today's youngsters to 70 of these rhythmic recreations, including "Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home," "One potato, two potato" and "I'm a little Dutch girl, dressed in blue." Children will enjoy coloring the delightful pictures that accompany each page of verse as they recite these familiar rhymes.

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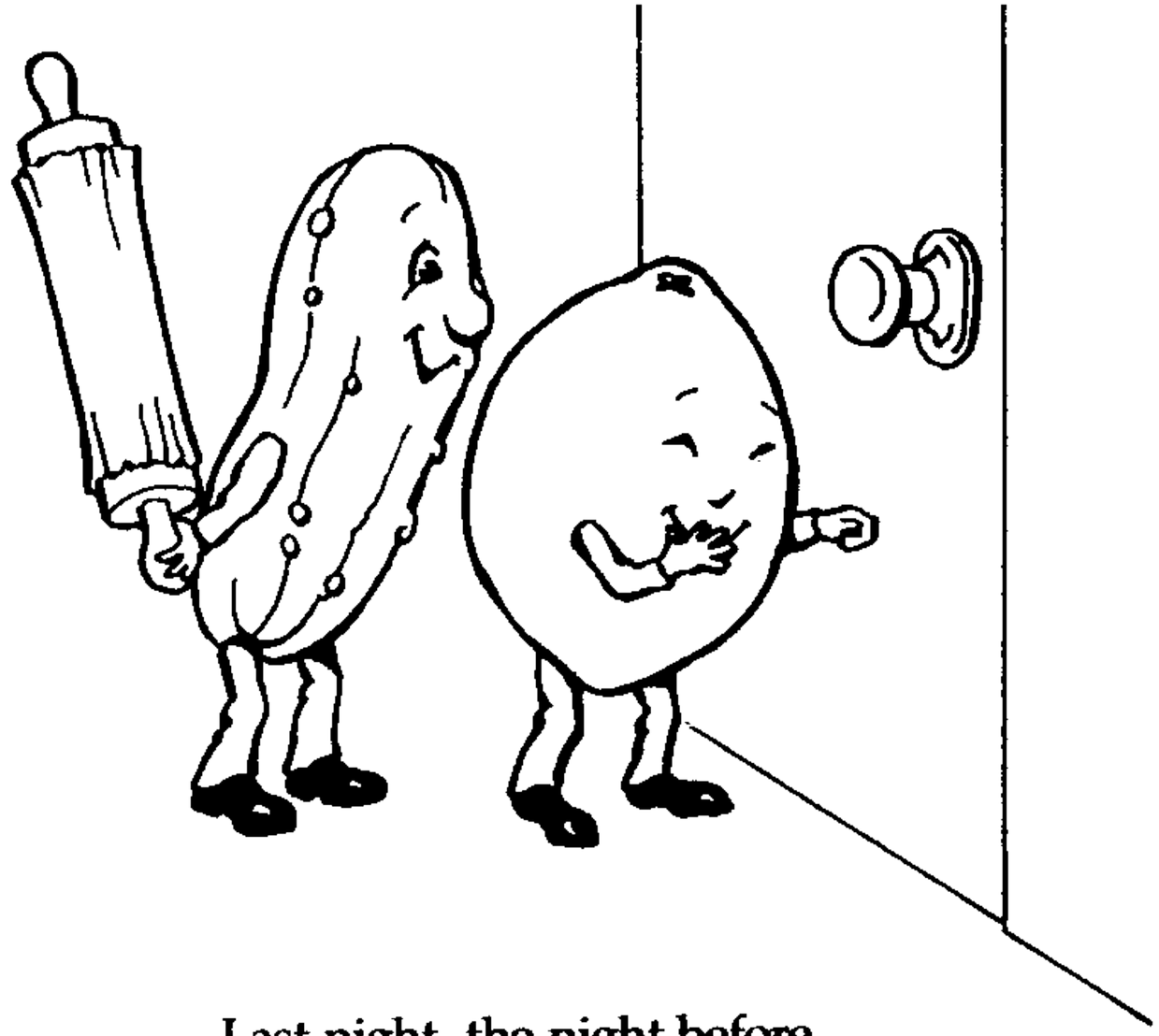
Note

Chances are you know some of the rhymes in this book. A number of them are quite familiar to most Americans. Others, not as well known, have come down to us as reminders of a bygone time before television and video games, when children were more inclined to make their own amusements.

There are two main kinds of rhyme in this book. FIRST, there are the counting-*out* verses, which are either used to come up with an "It" for a game, or else work as a game in itself, eliminating players in a circle until one survivor remains. SECOND, there are the *counting* rhymes. These are recited while jumping rope (or some similar activity). The number of successful jumps performed (before getting caught in the rope) provides the answer to a question asked in the rhyme. Sometimes, letters are used instead of numbers to form (hopefully) words.

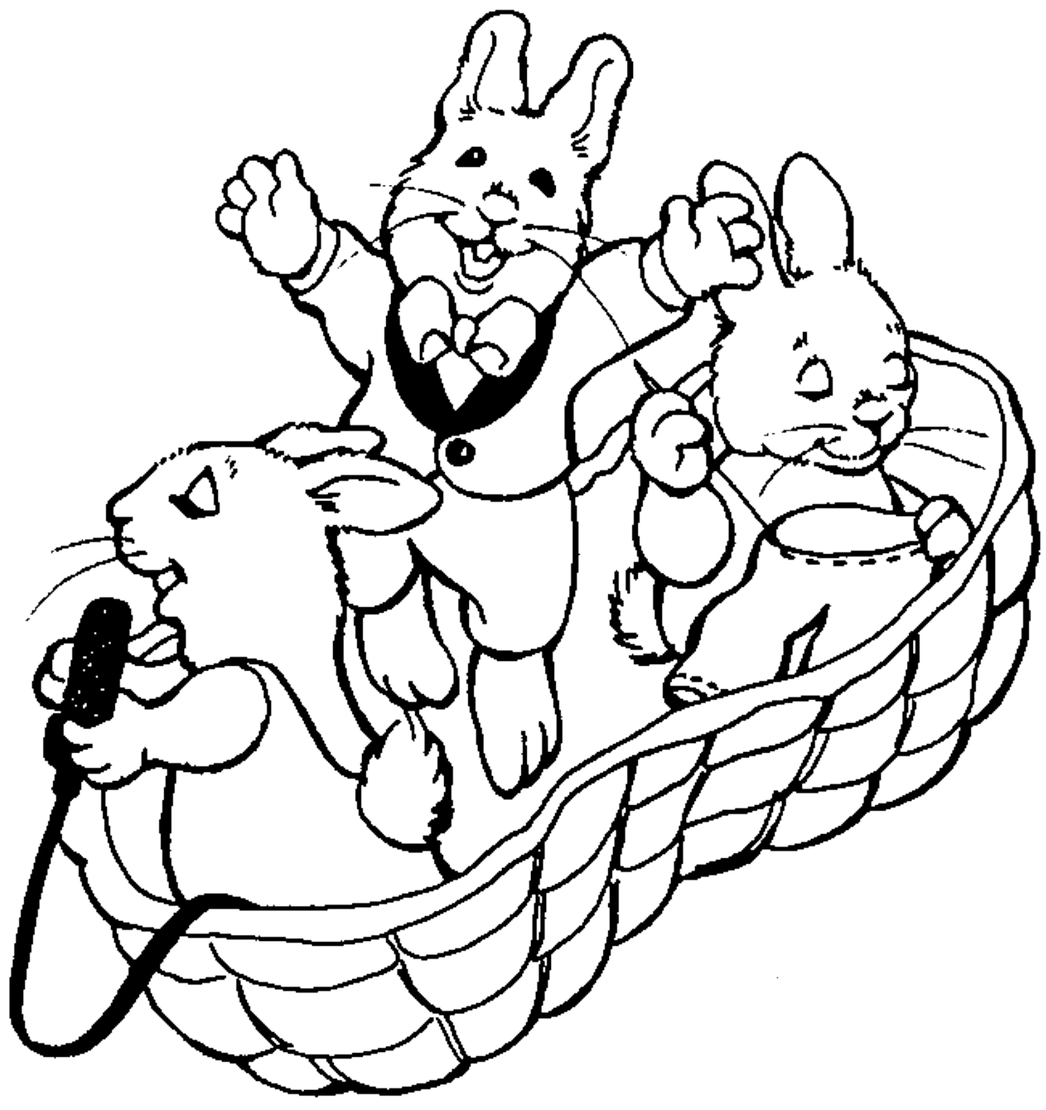
A few of the rhymes in this book do not fit into either category, but their use should be clear upon reading. The lively illustrations throughout are perfect for coloring with pens, pencils, crayons and watercolors.

Marco Polo went to France
To show the ladies how to dance.
Heel and toe, curtsey now,
Marco Polo showed them how.



Last night, the night before,
A lemon and a pickle
Came knocking at my door.
I opened the door, to let them in,
And they hit me on the head
With a rolling pin.
How many times
Did they hit me on the head?
1, 2, 3, etc.

I know something I won't tell:
Three little rabbits in a peanut shell.
One can sing and one can dance,
One can make a pair of pants.
O, U, T spells out goes she.



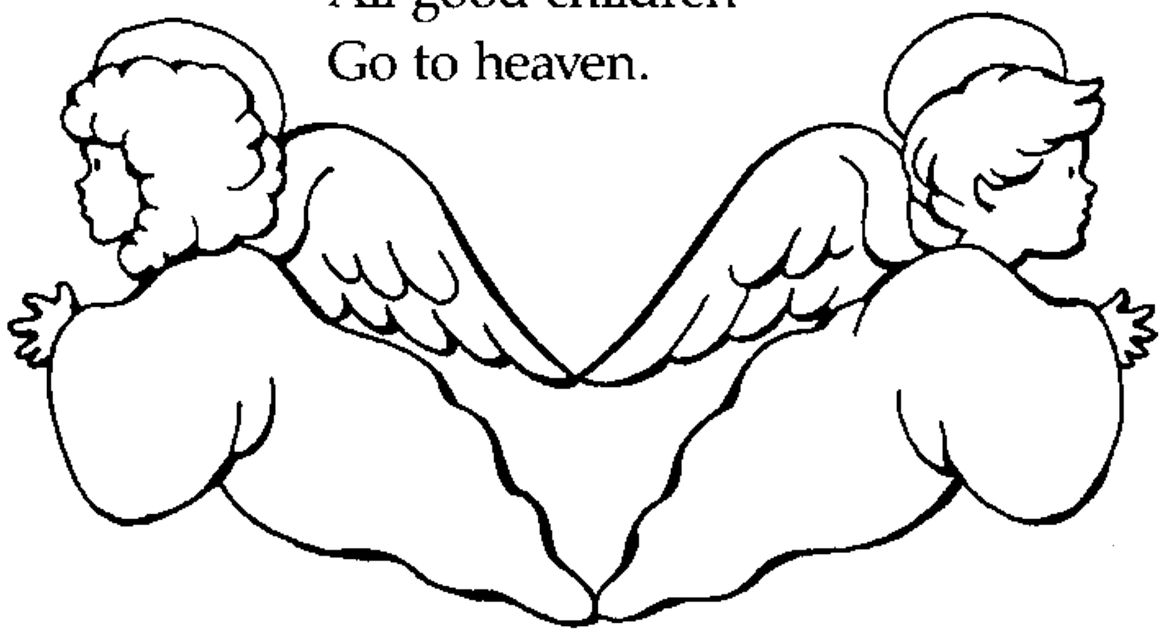
I'm a little Dutch girl,
Dressed in blue.
Here are the things
I like to do.
Salute to the Captain,
Bow to the Queen,
And turn my back
On the ugly submarine.

Monkey, monkey, bottle of beer.
How many monkeys have we here?
One, two, three,
You are he.

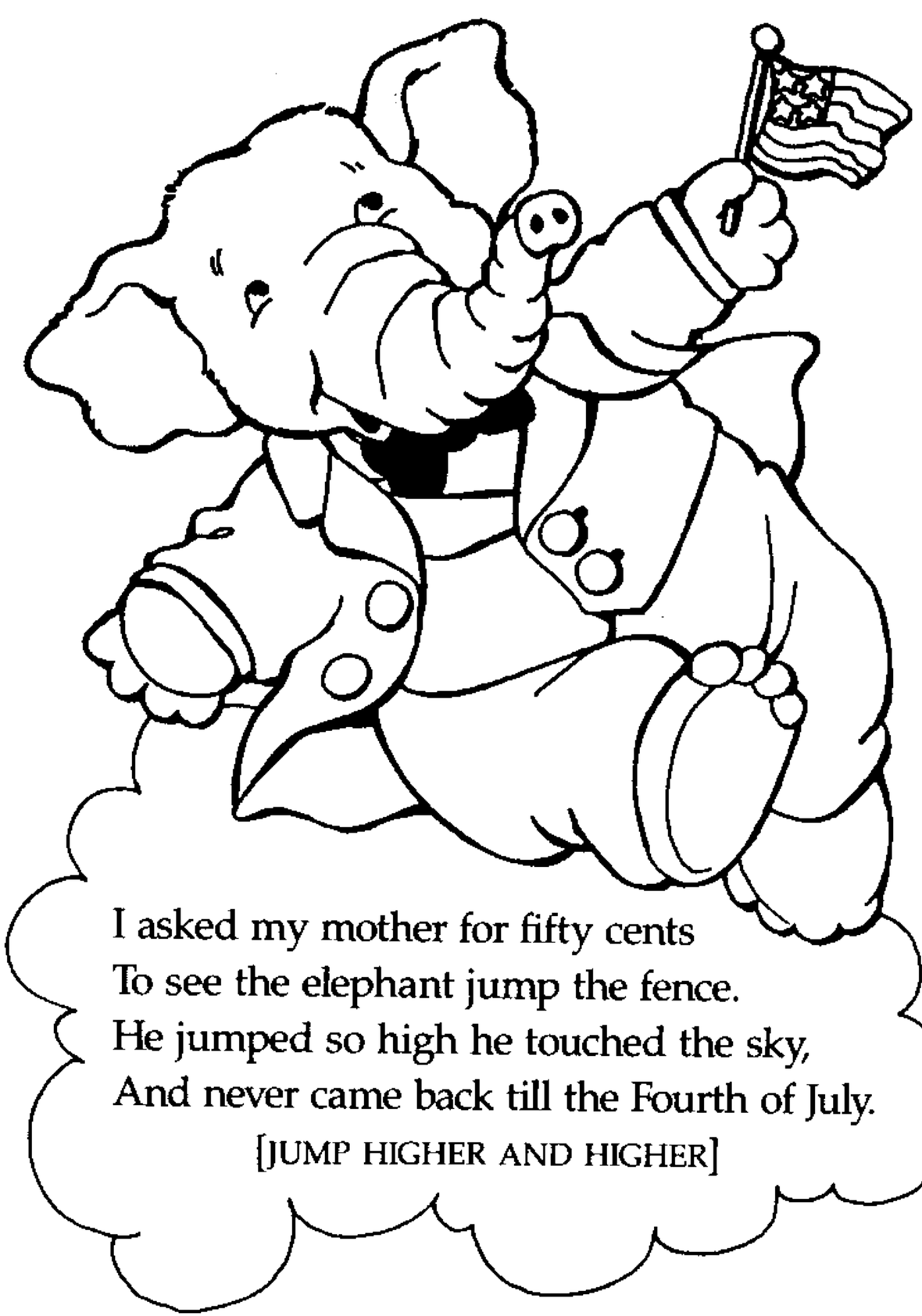
Monkey, monkey, sitting on a fence,
Trying to make a dollar out of fifteen cents.
One, two, three,
Out goes he.

One, two, three, four,
Five, six, seven, eight.
All bad children
Have to wait.

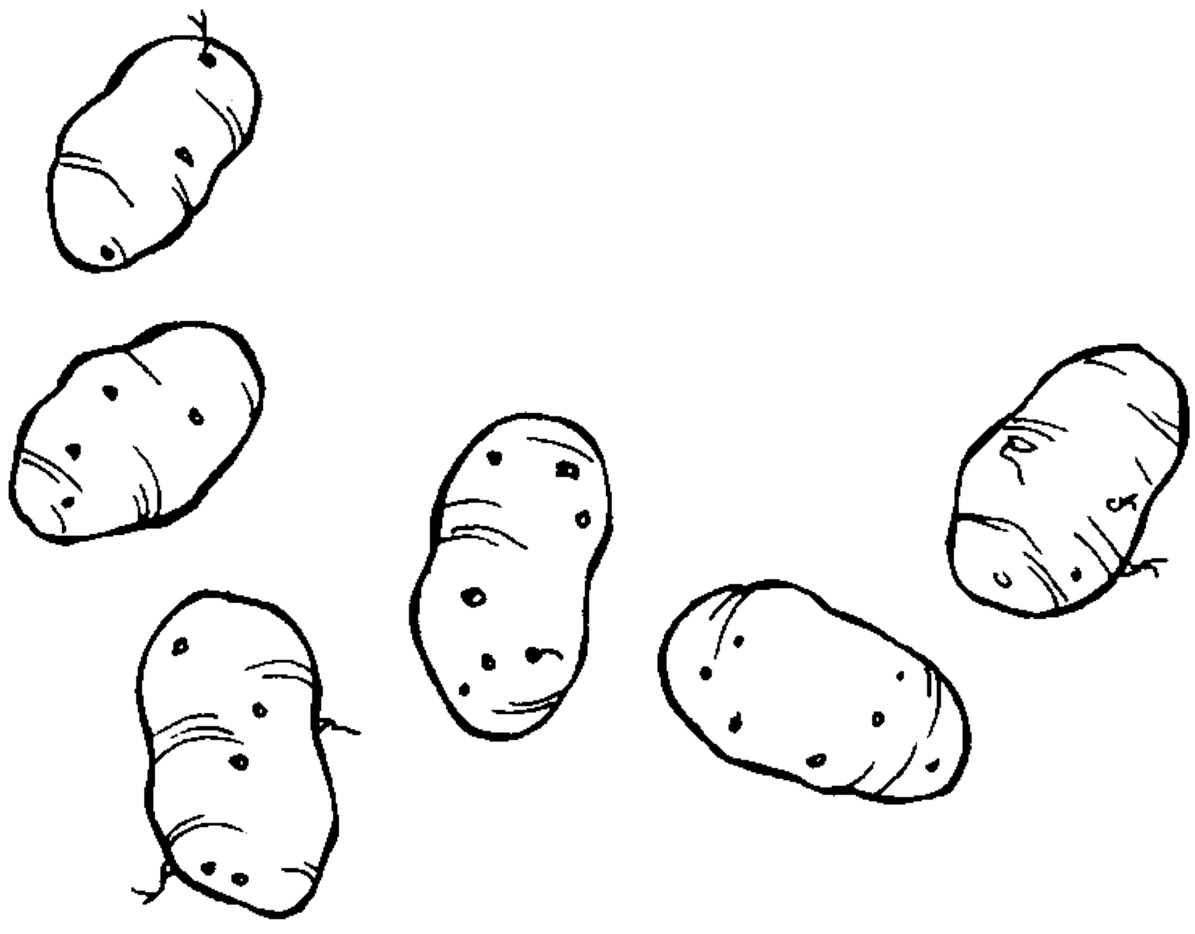
One, two, three, four,
Five, six, seven.
All good children
Go to heaven.



One potato, two potato,
Three potato, four;
Five potato, six potato,
Seven potato, MORE.

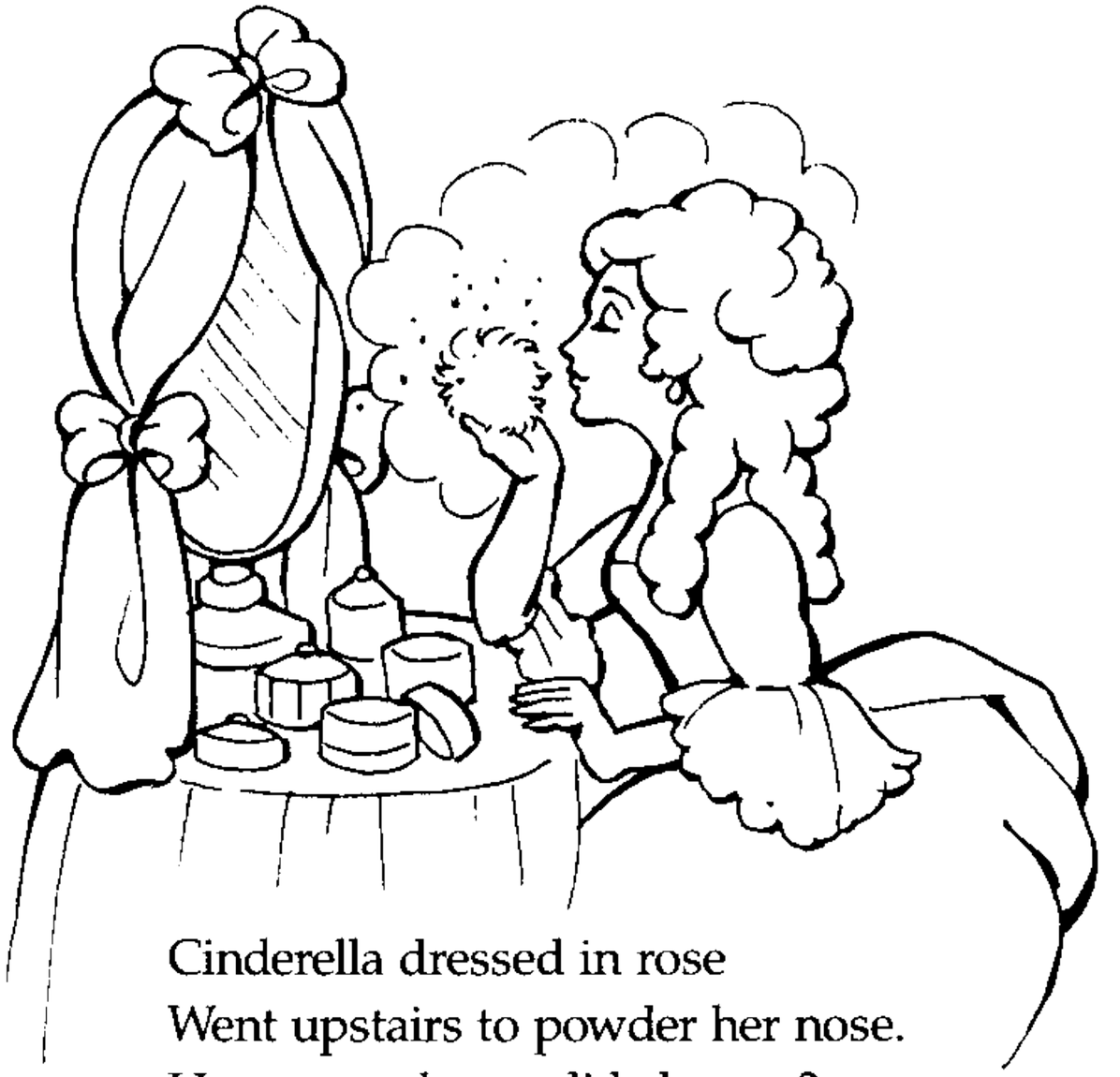


I asked my mother for fifty cents
To see the elephant jump the fence.
He jumped so high he touched the sky,
And never came back till the Fourth of July.
[JUMP HIGHER AND HIGHER]



Cinderella dressed in yellow
Went upstairs to kiss her fellow.
How many kisses did she give?
1, 2, 3, etc.

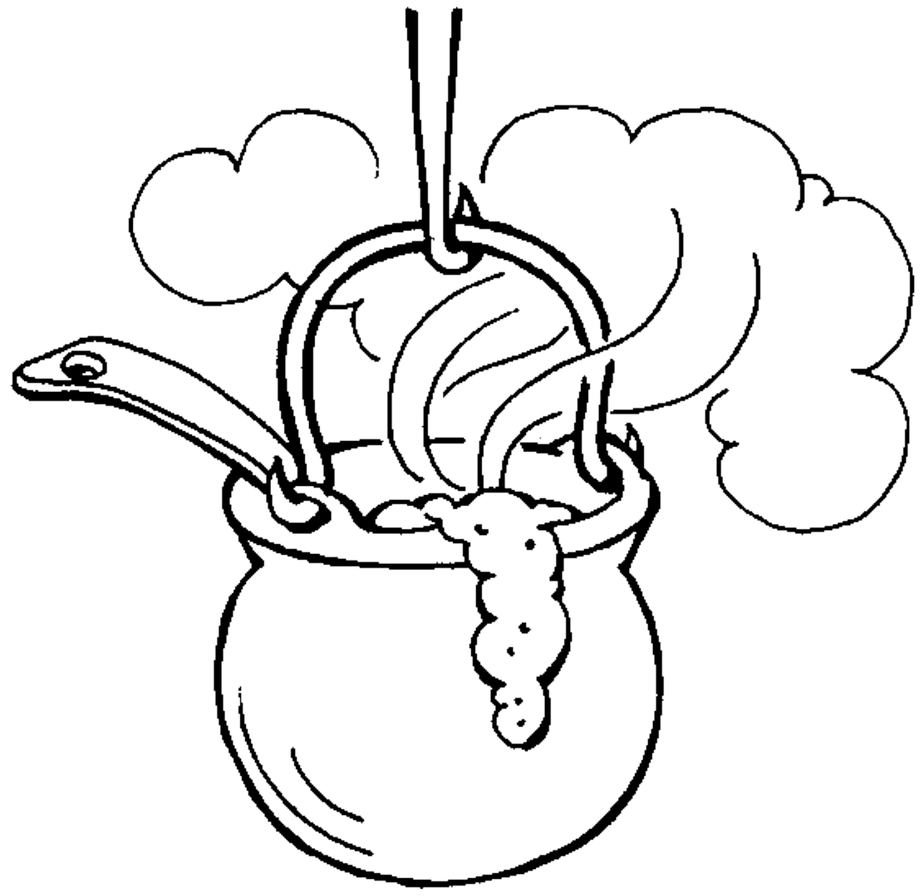
Cinderella dressed in lace
Went upstairs to powder her face.
How many boxes did she use?
1, 2, 3, etc.



Cinderella dressed in rose
Went upstairs to powder her nose.
How many boxes did she use?
1, 2, 3, etc.

Cinderella dressed in white
Went upstairs to turn on the light.
How many light bulbs did she use?
1, 2, 3, etc.

One, two, three, four,
Mary at the kitchen door.
Five, six, seven, eight,
Mary at the garden gate.

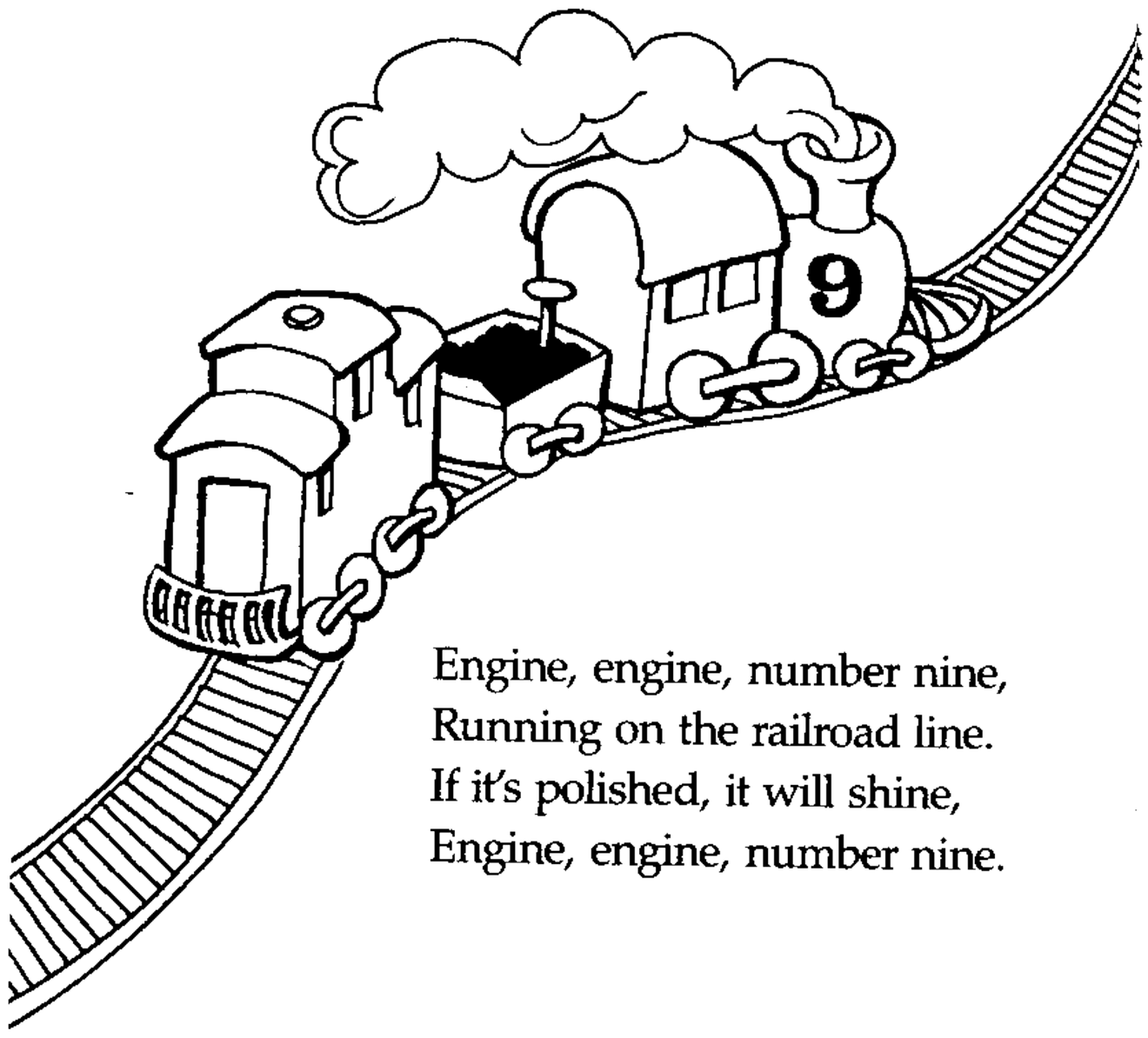


Pease porridge hot, pease porridge cold.
Pease porridge in a pot, nine days old,
How many days has it been in the pot?
1, 2, 3, etc.

Two, four, six, eight,
Don't make love at the garden gate.
Cause love is blind
But the neighbors ain't.

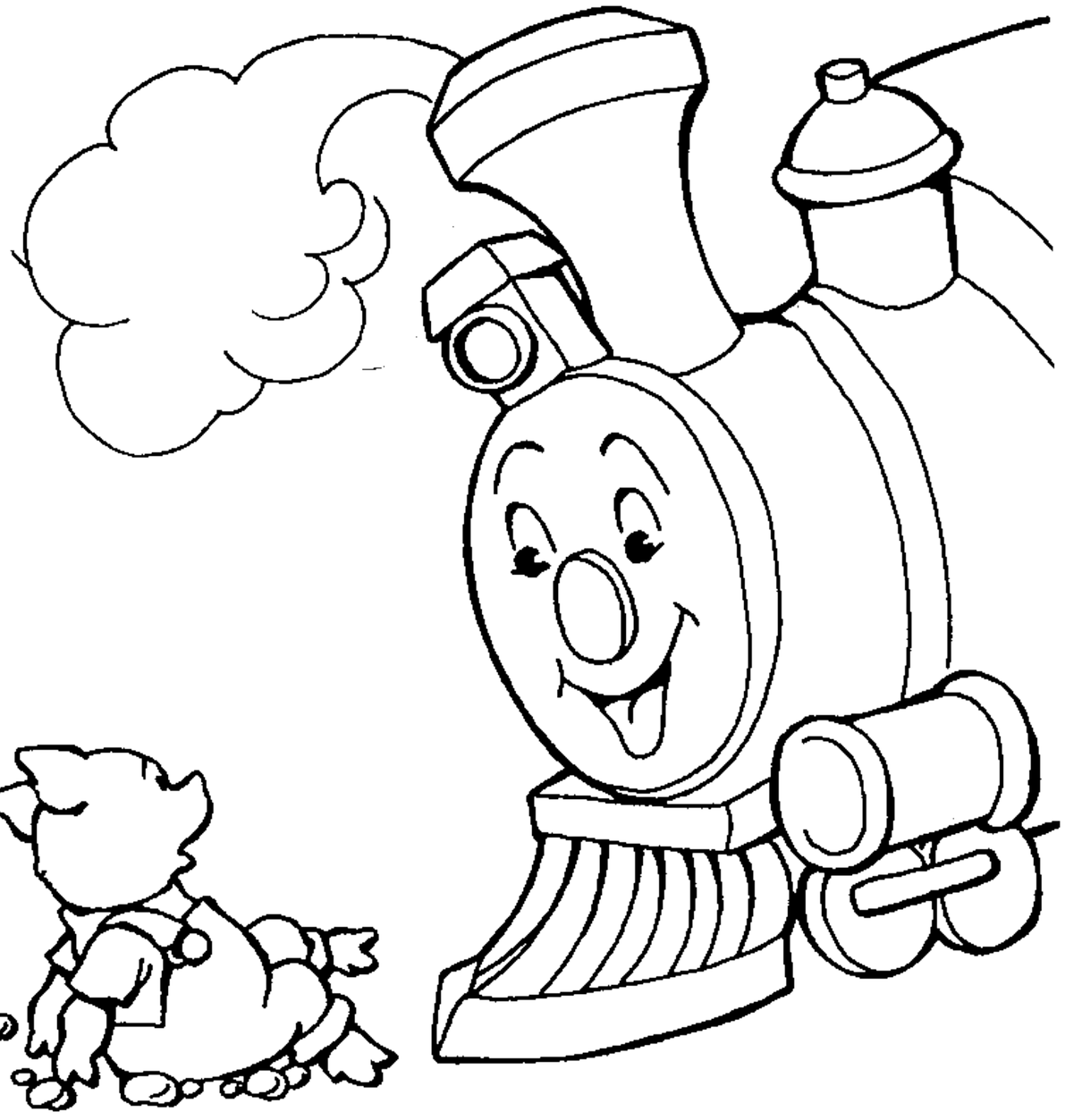
Mother, mother, I am ill,
Call the doctor over the hill.
In came the doctor,
In came the nurse,
In came the lady
With the alligator purse.
"Measles," said the doctor.
"Mumps," said the nurse.
"Nothing," said the lady
With the alligator purse.

Two, four, six, eight,
Johnny had a rattlesnake.
The snake he died and Johnny cried,
Two, four, six, eight.



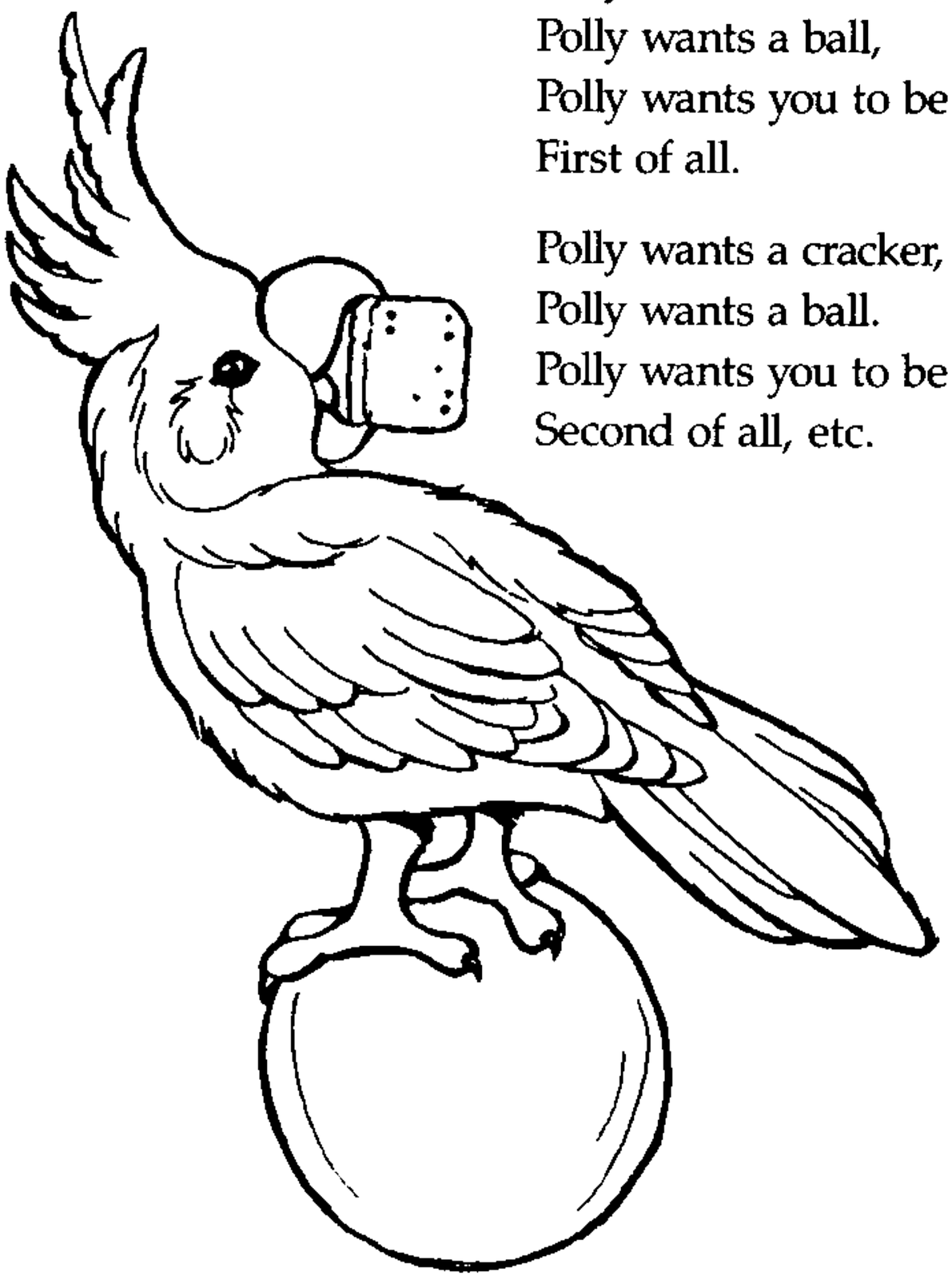
Engine, engine, number nine,
Running on the railroad line.
If it's polished, it will shine,
Engine, engine, number nine.

Piggy on the railway picking up stones.
Down came an engine and broke Piggy's
bones.
"Oh," cried Piggy, "that's not fair!"
"Oh," cried the engine, "I don't care!"



One, two, three, four, five,
I caught a fish; it was alive.
What made you let it go?
Because it bit my finger so.
Which finger did it bite?
The little finger on the right.

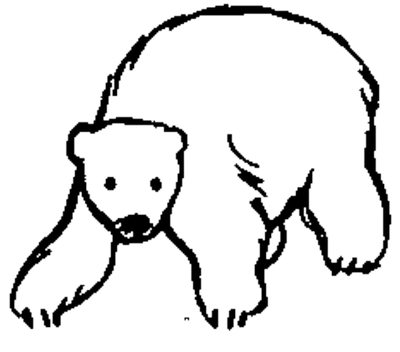
Here comes the teacher with a big fat stick,
Now get ready for arithmetic.
1, 2, 3, etc.



Polly wants a cracker,
Polly wants a ball,
Polly wants you to be
First of all.

Polly wants a cracker,
Polly wants a ball.
Polly wants you to be
Second of all, etc.

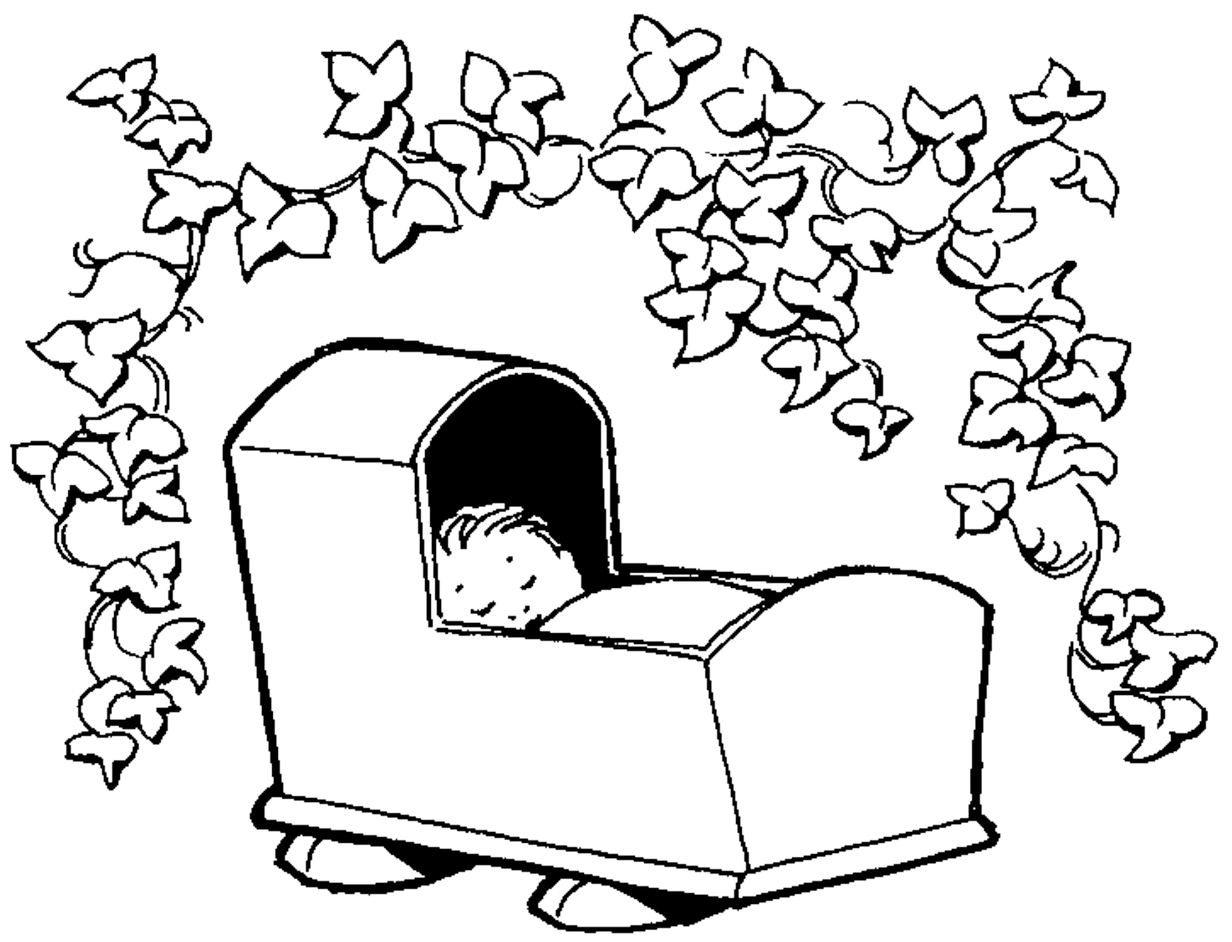
Hello, hello, hello, sir.
Meet me at the grocer.
No, sir. Why, sir?
Because I have a cold, sir.
Where did you get the cold, sir?
At the North Pole, sir.
What were you doing there, sir?
Counting polar bears, sir.
How many did you count, sir?
1, 2, 3, etc.



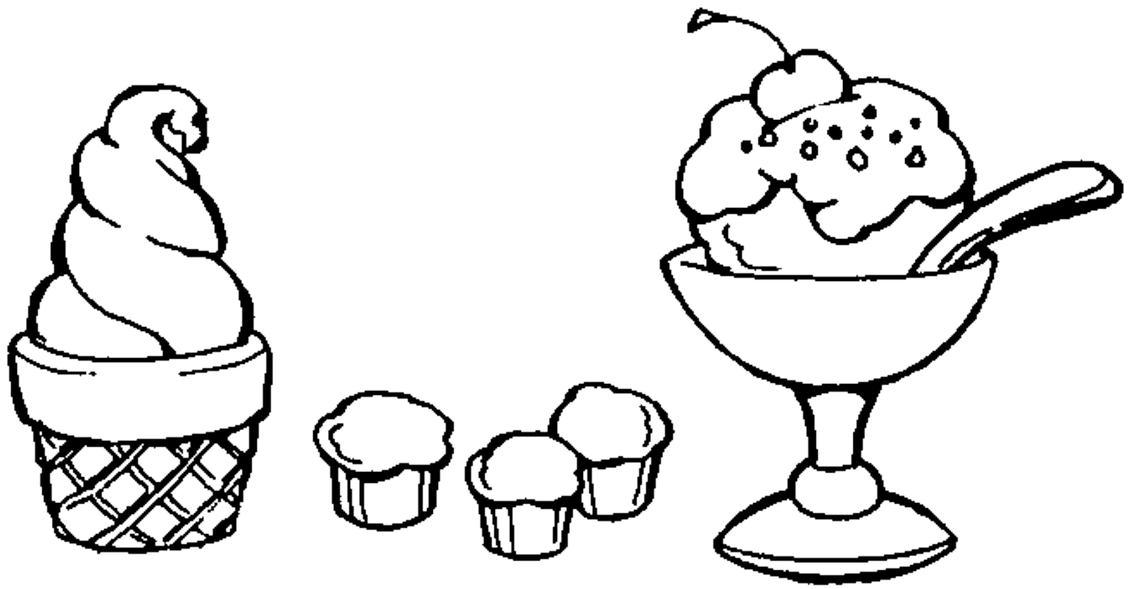
Spanish dancer, do the splits,
Spanish dancer, do high kicks.
Spanish dancer, clicks a shoe,
Spanish dancer, chooses *you*.

Bluebells, cockle shells,
Eevie ivy, over;
Mother went to market
To buy some meat;
Baby's in the cradle
Fast asleep.
The old clock on the mantel says
One o'clock, two o'clock . . .

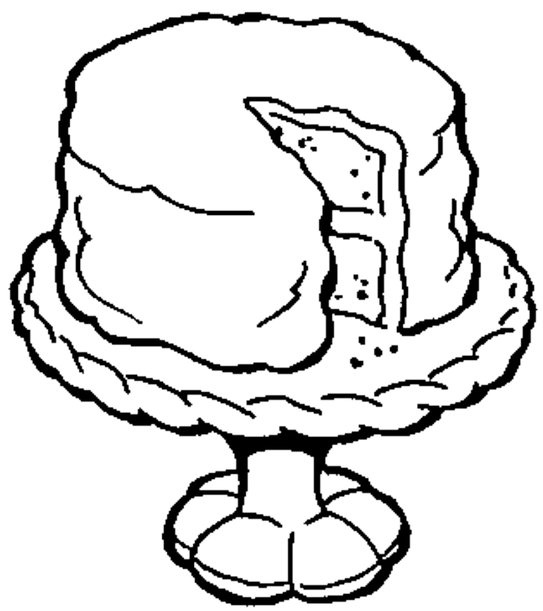
[TO *TWELVE O'CLOCK*]



I scream, you scream,
We all scream for ice cream.
Who screams loudest?
Y, O, U.

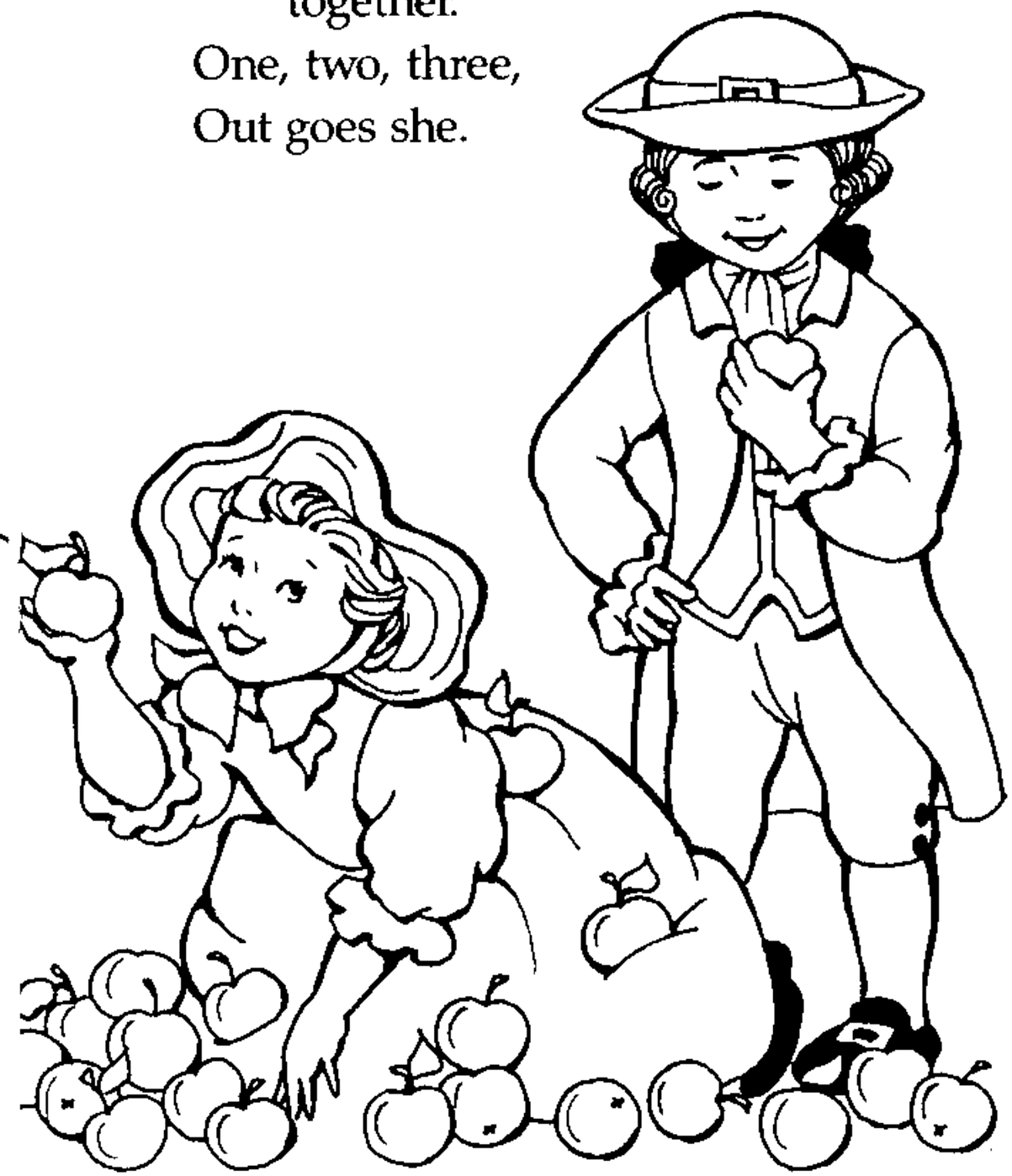


Ice cream, candy, cake and butter.
What's the name of my true lover?
A, B, C, etc.

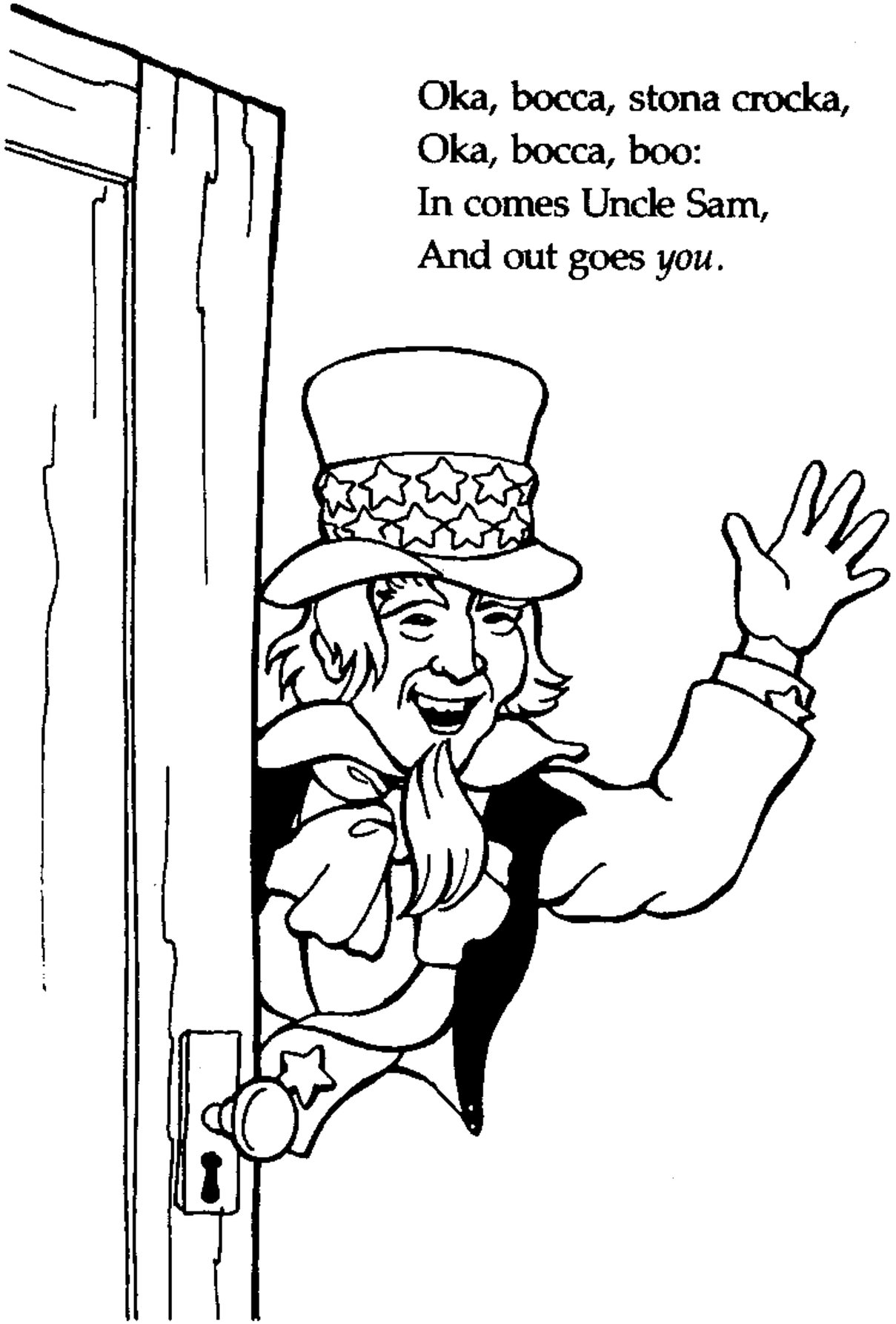


Bobby Shafto, climb a tree,
Bobby Shafto, scrape your knee.
Bobby Shafto, toss a kiss,
Bobby Shafto, never miss.
How many kisses will he toss?
1, 2, 3, etc.

As I went up the apple tree
All the apples fell on me.
I took one, my brother took another,
And we both jumped over the bridge
together.
One, two, three,
Out goes she.



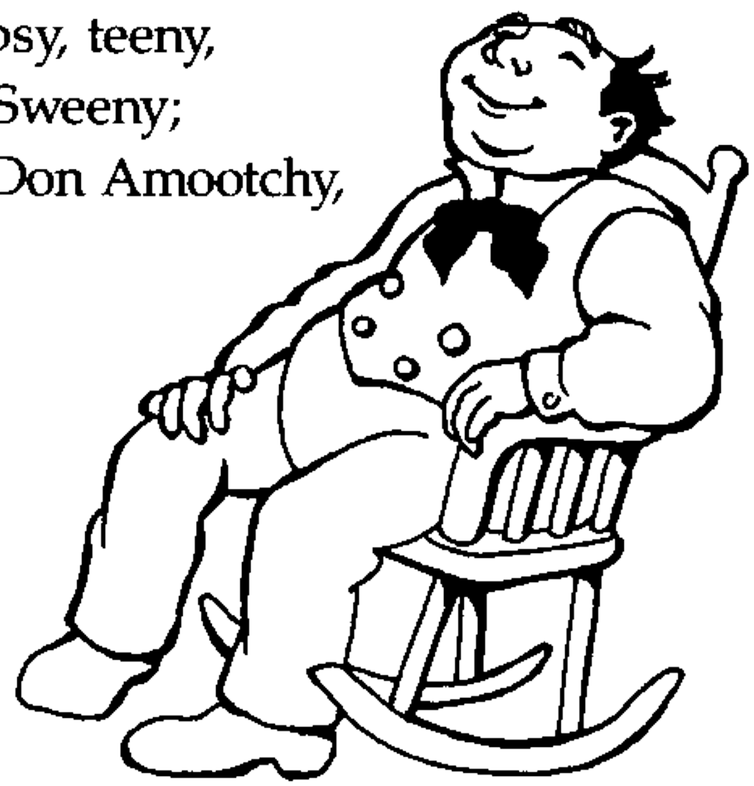
Oka, bocca, stona crocka,
Oka, bocca, boo:
In comes Uncle Sam,
And out goes *you*.



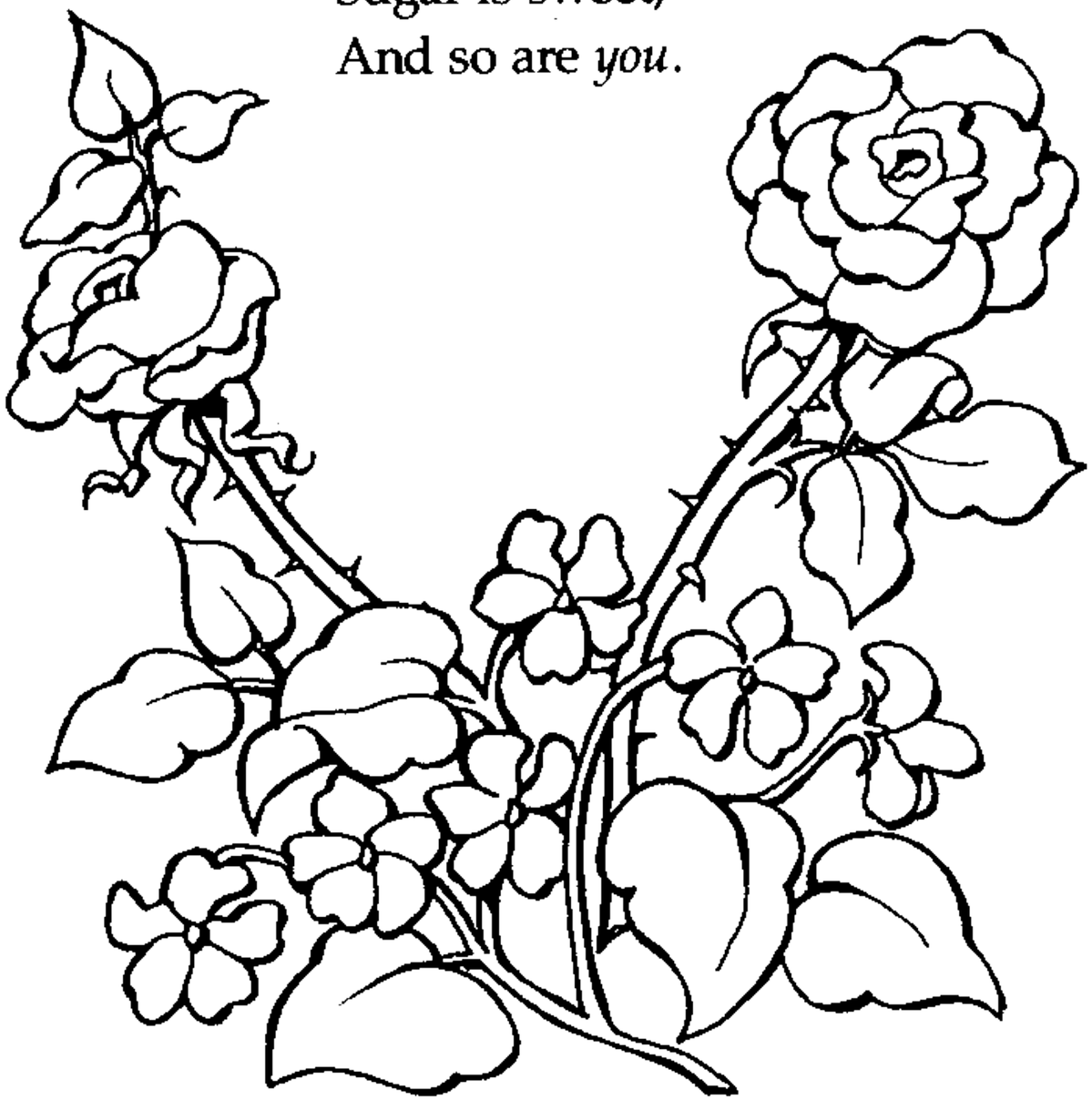
Icky, bicky, soda cricky,
Icky, bicky, boo.
Icky, bicky, here's the tricky,
Out goes *you*.

Cricky, cracky, craney, crow,
I went to the well to wash my toe.
High and low, out you go,
Cricky, cracky, craney, crow.

Eenie, meenie, tipsy, teeny,
Apple jack, John Sweeny;
Ootchy pootchy, Don Amootchy,
Oh, par, dar, see,
Out goes Y, O, U.



Roses are red,
Violets are blue,
Sugar is sweet,
And so are *you*.



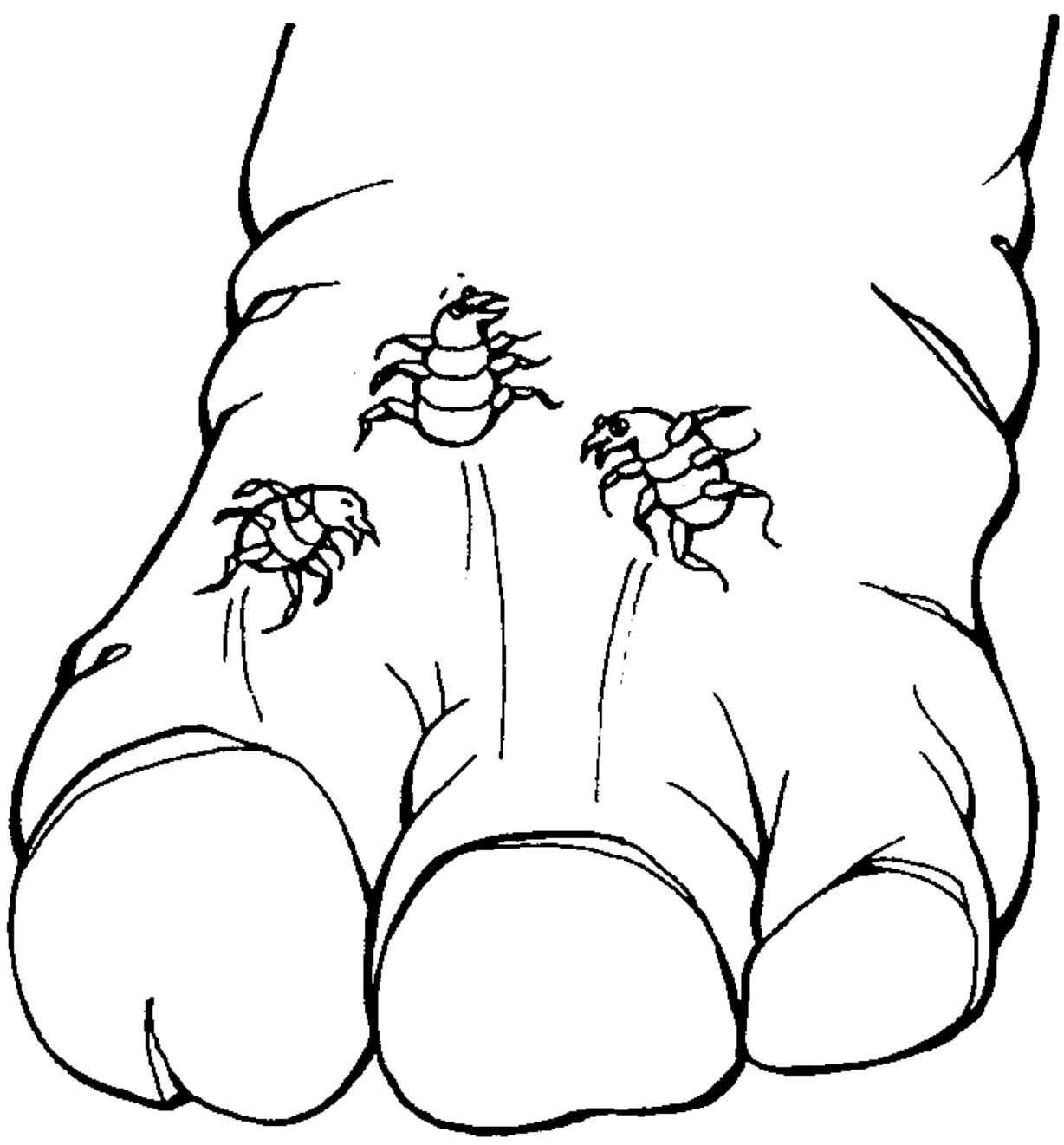
Johnny and Susie sitting in a tree,
K, I, S, S, I, N, G.
First comes love, then comes marriage,
Then comes Susie with a baby carriage.
How many babies did she have? 1, 2, 3, etc.
How many bottles did she have? 1, 2, 3, etc.
How many diapers did she have? 1, 2, 3, etc.
etc.

[REPLACE UNDERLINED NAMES AS REQUIRED]

Little Miss Pink,
Dressed in blue,
Died last night
At quarter past two.
Before she died
She told me this:
"When I jump rope
I always miss!"
Did she go up or down?
Up, down, up, down, etc.

Me, myself, and I,
Went to the kitchen and ate a pie.
Then my mother, she came in,
And chased us out with a rolling pin.
And this is the one she *caught*.

All around the butter dish,
One, two, three;
If you want a pretty girl,
Just pick me.
Blow the bugles,
Beat the drums,
Tell me when your birthday comes.



Down in the meadow where the corn cobs
grow,
Fleas jumped on the elephant's toe.
Elephant cried, with tears in his eyes,
Why don't you pick on someone your size?

A knife and a fork,
A bottle and a cork,
That's the way
To spell New York.

I eat my peas with honey,
I've done it all my life.
It makes the peas taste funny,
But it keeps them on my knife.
How many peas can I get on a knife?
1, 2, 3, etc.

I called myself on the phone,
Asked myself if I was home,
Asked myself for a date,
Have to be ready at half past eight.
I'm a nut, I'm a nut,
So are you, so are you.

Jean, Jean,
Dressed in green,
Went downtown
To eat ice cream.
How many dishes did she eat?
1, 2, 3, etc.

Little dog sat on the porch,
And Bingo was his name:
B, I, N, G, O,
B, I, N, G, O,
B, I, N, G, O,
Bingo was his name.

I went downtown, to see Miss Brown.
She gave me a nickel, to buy a pickle.
The pickle was sour, she gave me a flower.
The flower was dead, she gave me some
thread.
The thread was black, she gave me a tack.
The tack was sharp, she gave me a harp.
The harp was broke, she gave me a cloak.
The cloak was tight, she gave me a kite.
The kite away flew, and I did *too*!

[PLAYER RUNS OUT AT *TOO*]

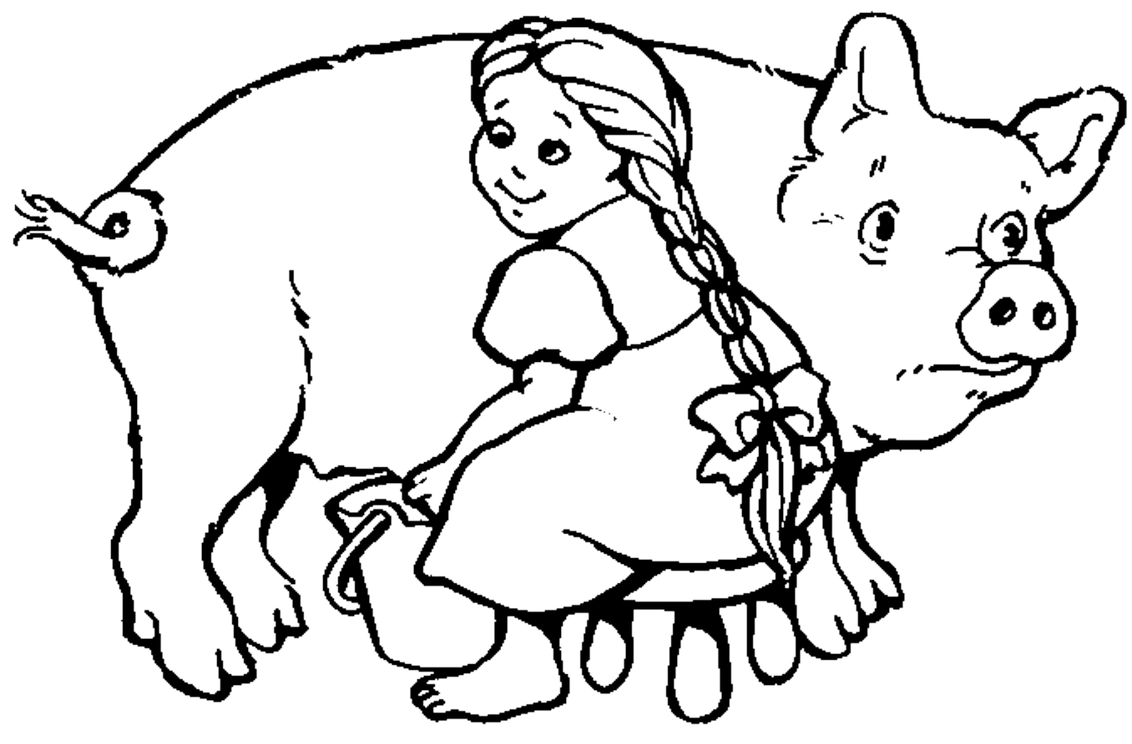
I like coffee, I like tea,
I like boys and boys like me.
I'll tell my mother when I get home
The boys won't let the girls alone.

Abraham Lincoln, never was a crook.
Because his nose was always in a book.
How many books did he read?
1, 2, 3, etc.

Little Georgie Washington,
Never told a lie.
Went into the kitchen,
And ate a cherry pie.
How many cherries were in the pie?
1, 2, 3, etc.

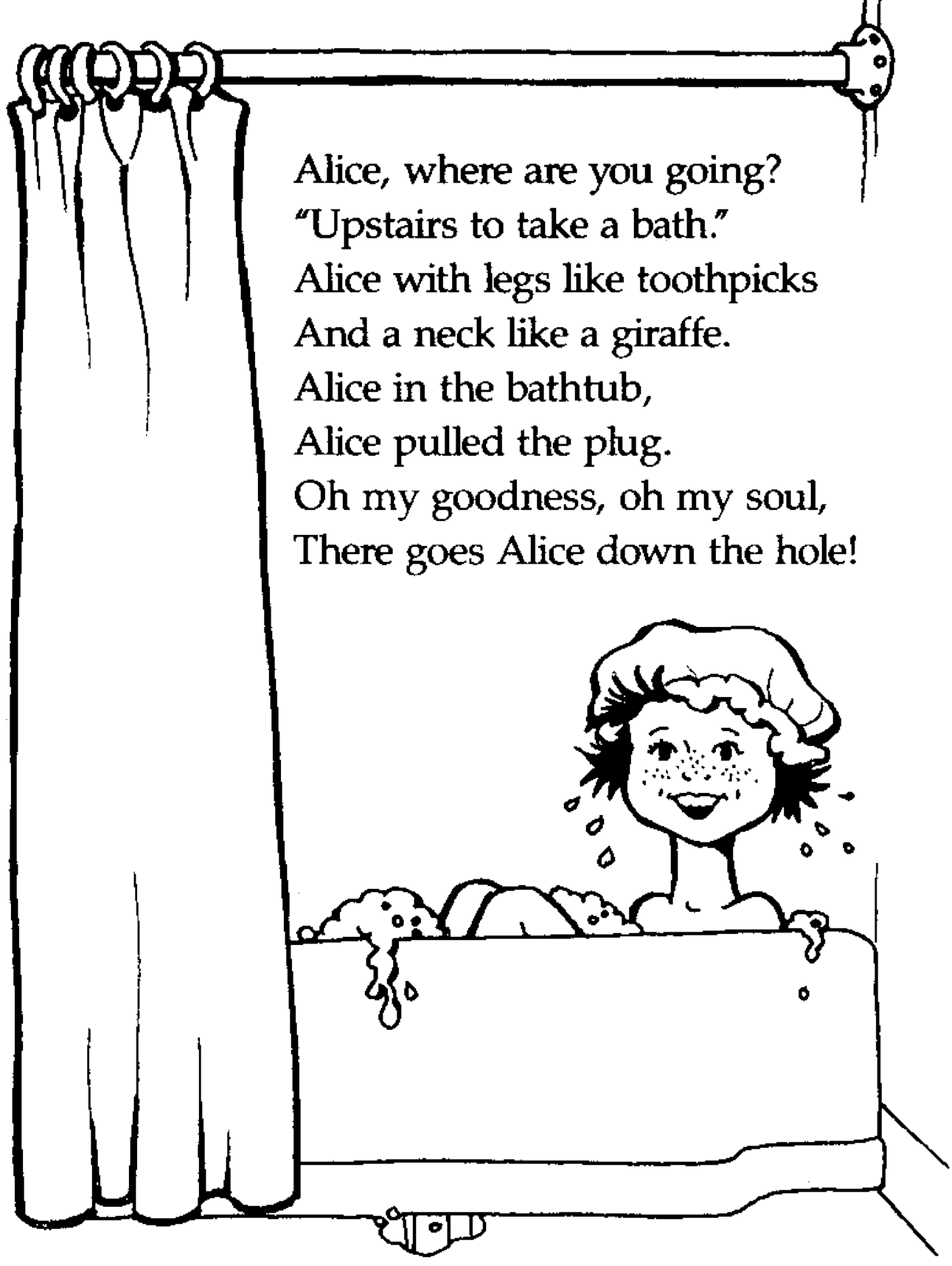
Ladybug, ladybug, fly away home,
Your house is on fire,
And your children will burn.
How many children will burn down?
1, 2, 3, etc.

I went upstairs to make my bed,
I made a mistake and bumped my head.
I went downstairs to milk my cow,
I made a mistake and milked the sow.
I went in the kitchen to bake a pie,
I made a mistake and baked a fly.



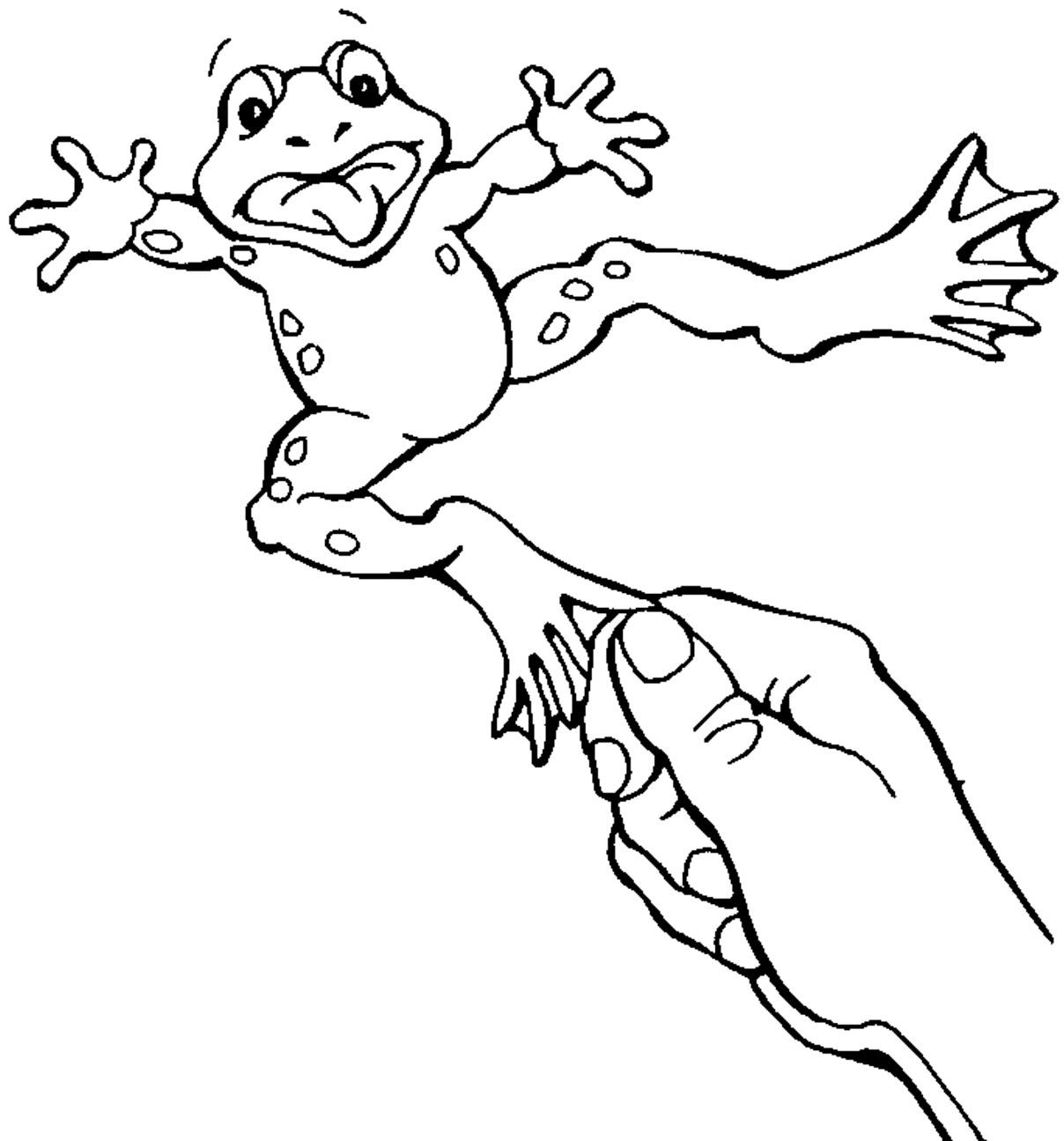
Sam, Sam, the soft soap man,
Washed his face in a frying pan,
Combed his hair with a wagon wheel,
And died with a toothache in his heel.

Alice, where are you going?
"Upstairs to take a bath."
Alice with legs like toothpicks
And a neck like a giraffe.
Alice in the bathtub,
Alice pulled the plug.
Oh my goodness, oh my soul,
There goes Alice down the hole!



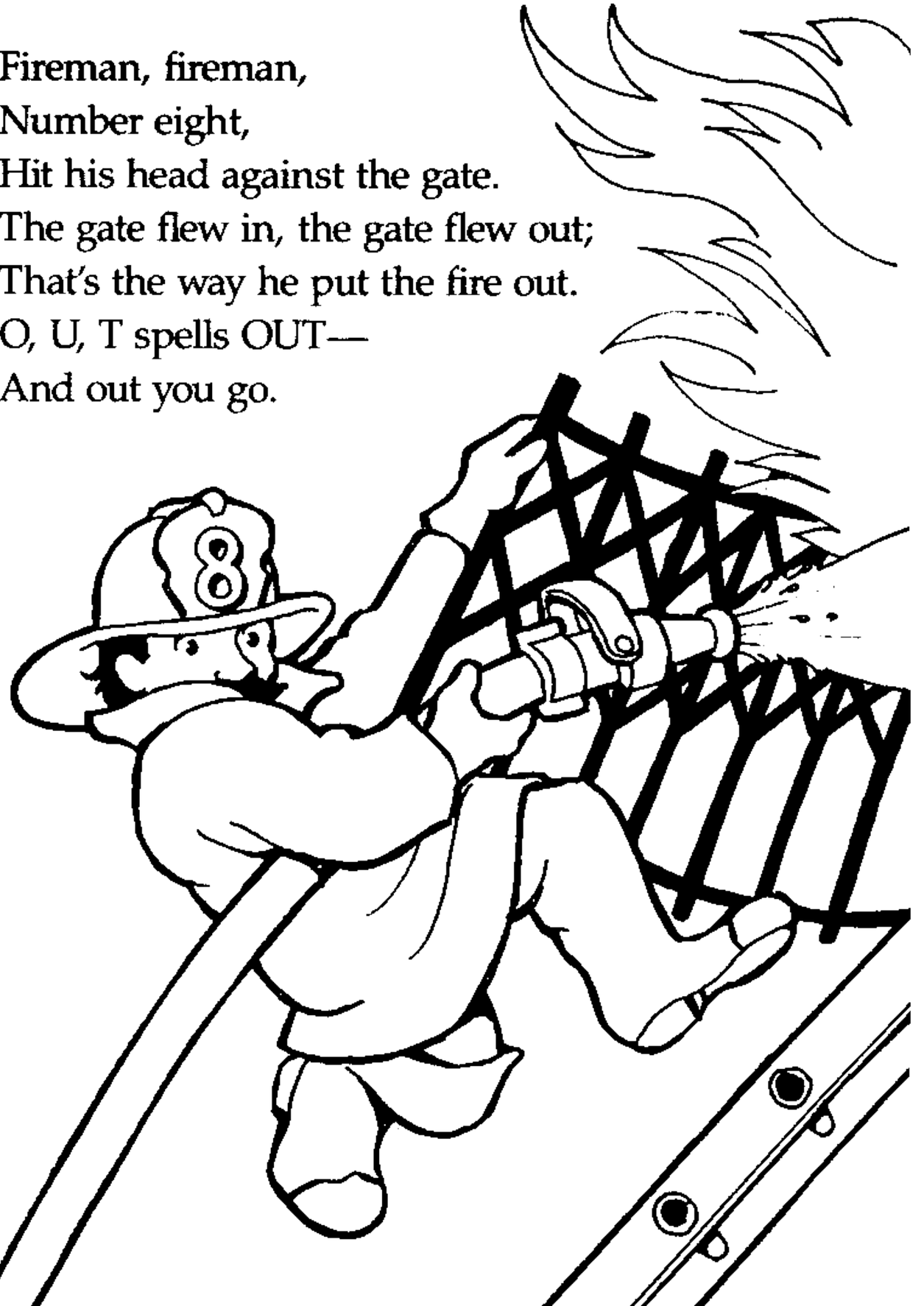
Eenie, meenie, miney moe,
Catch a tiger by the toe,
If he hollers let him go.

Eena, deena, dinah, do.
Catch a froggie by his toe,
If he hollers, let him go,
Eena, deena, dinah, do,
O, U, T spells out!



My mother is a butcher,
My father cuts the meat.
I'm a little hot dog
Running down the street.
How many hot dogs do I sell?
1, 2, 3, etc.

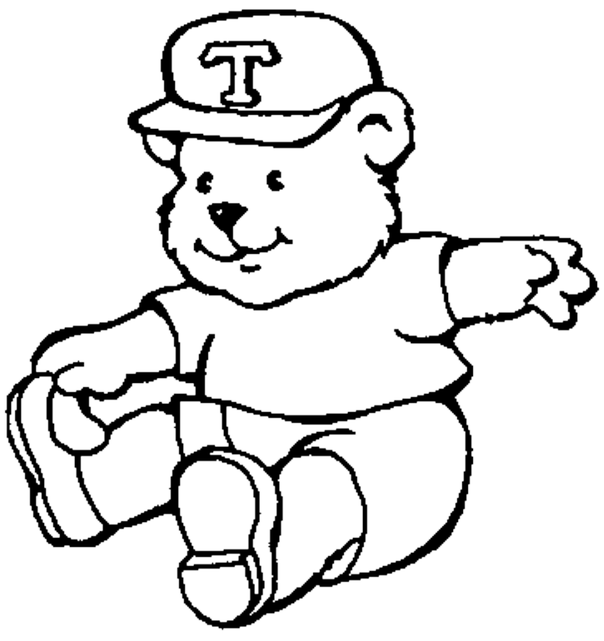
Fireman, fireman,
Number eight,
Hit his head against the gate.
The gate flew in, the gate flew out;
That's the way he put the fire out.
O, U, T spells OUT—
And out you go.



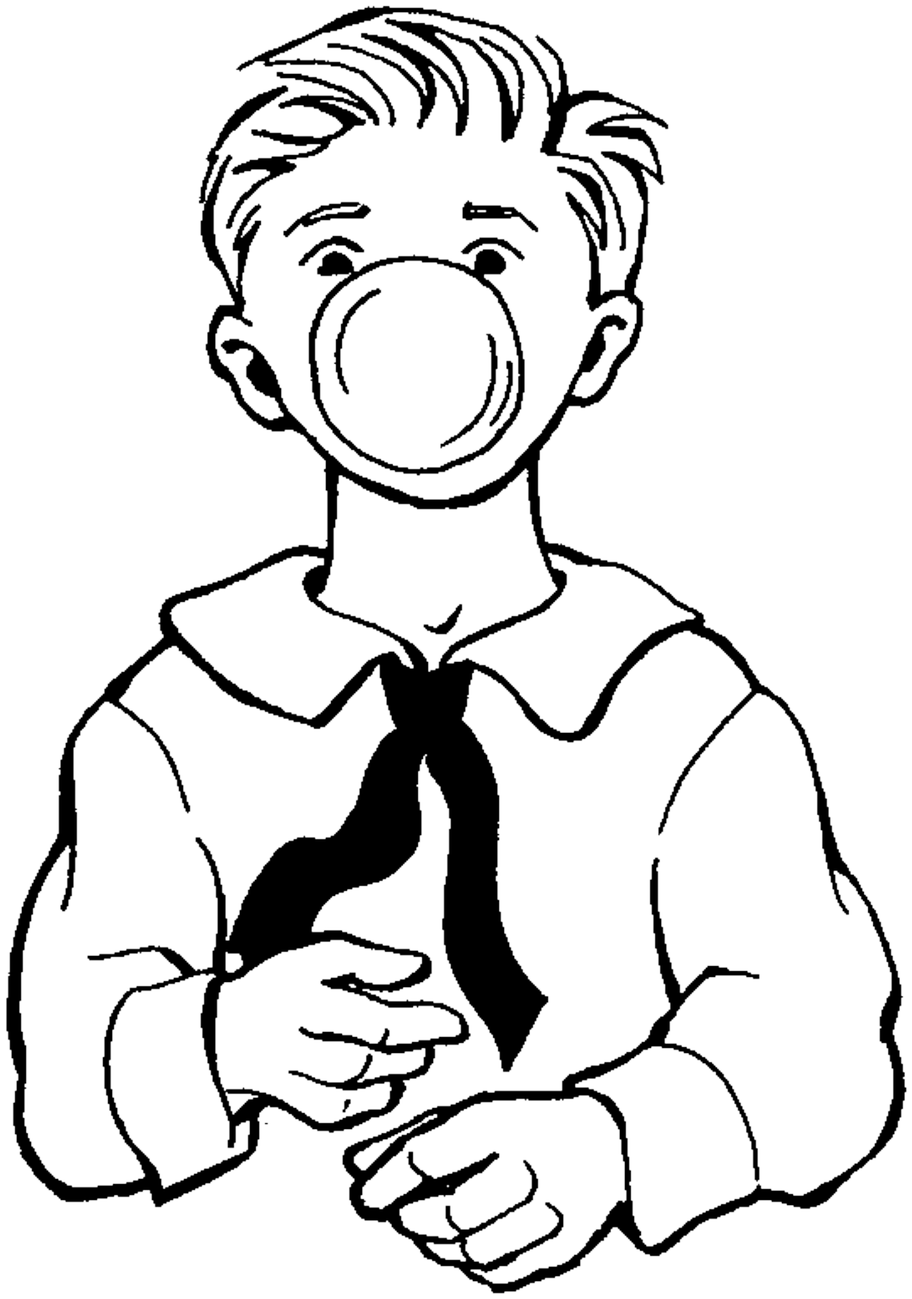
My mother is a dancer,
Oh, how she can twist!
She can do the hootchy-kootchy,
Just like this.
1, 2, 3, etc.

One, two, three, four,
Mother washed the kitchen floor.
Floor dried, Mother cried,
One, two, three, four.

Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Turn around.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Touch the ground.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Show your shoe.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
That will do.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Go upstairs.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Say your prayers.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Turn out the light.
Teddy bear, teddy bear,
Say good night.

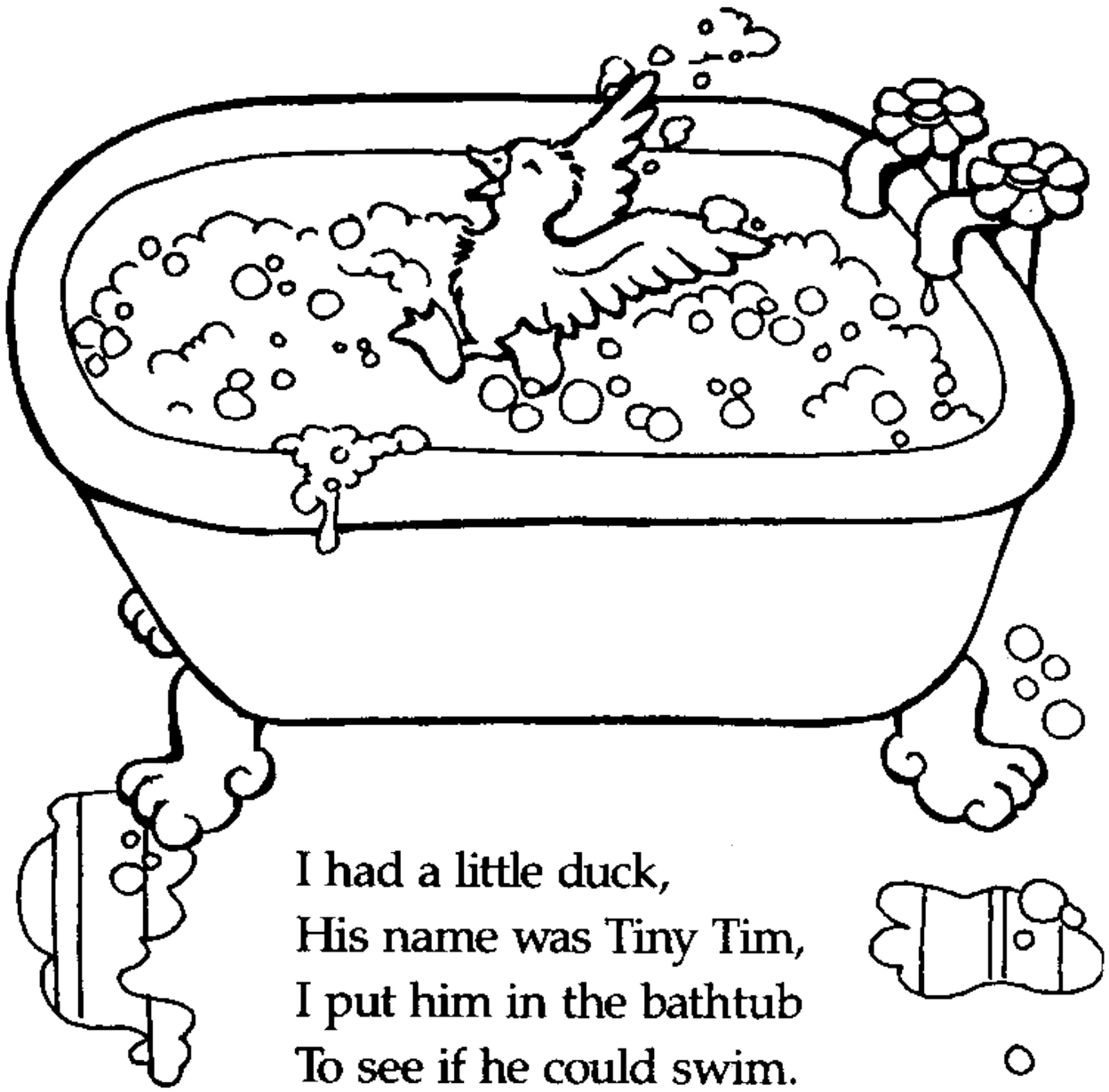


Ink, ink, a bottle of ink,
The cork fell off and you stink.
Not because you're dirty, not because you're clean,
Just because you kiss the girls behind the magazine!



Bubble gum, bubble gum in a dish,
How many bubble gums do you wish?
Three. One, two, three, and out you must
go
With your mother's big fat toe.

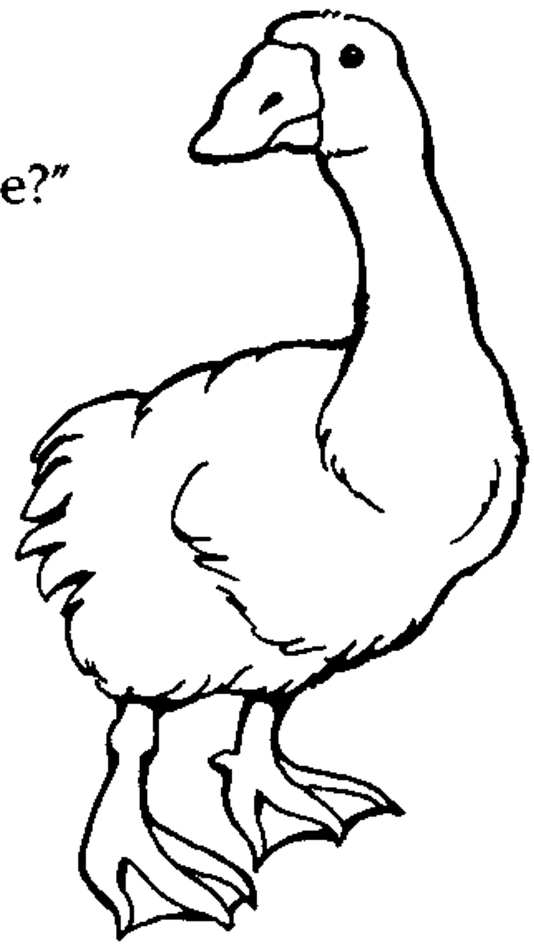
My mother and your mother,
hanging out the clothes;
My mother hit your mother
in the nose.
What color blood came out?
O, R, A, N, G, E [OR ANY OTHER COLOR].

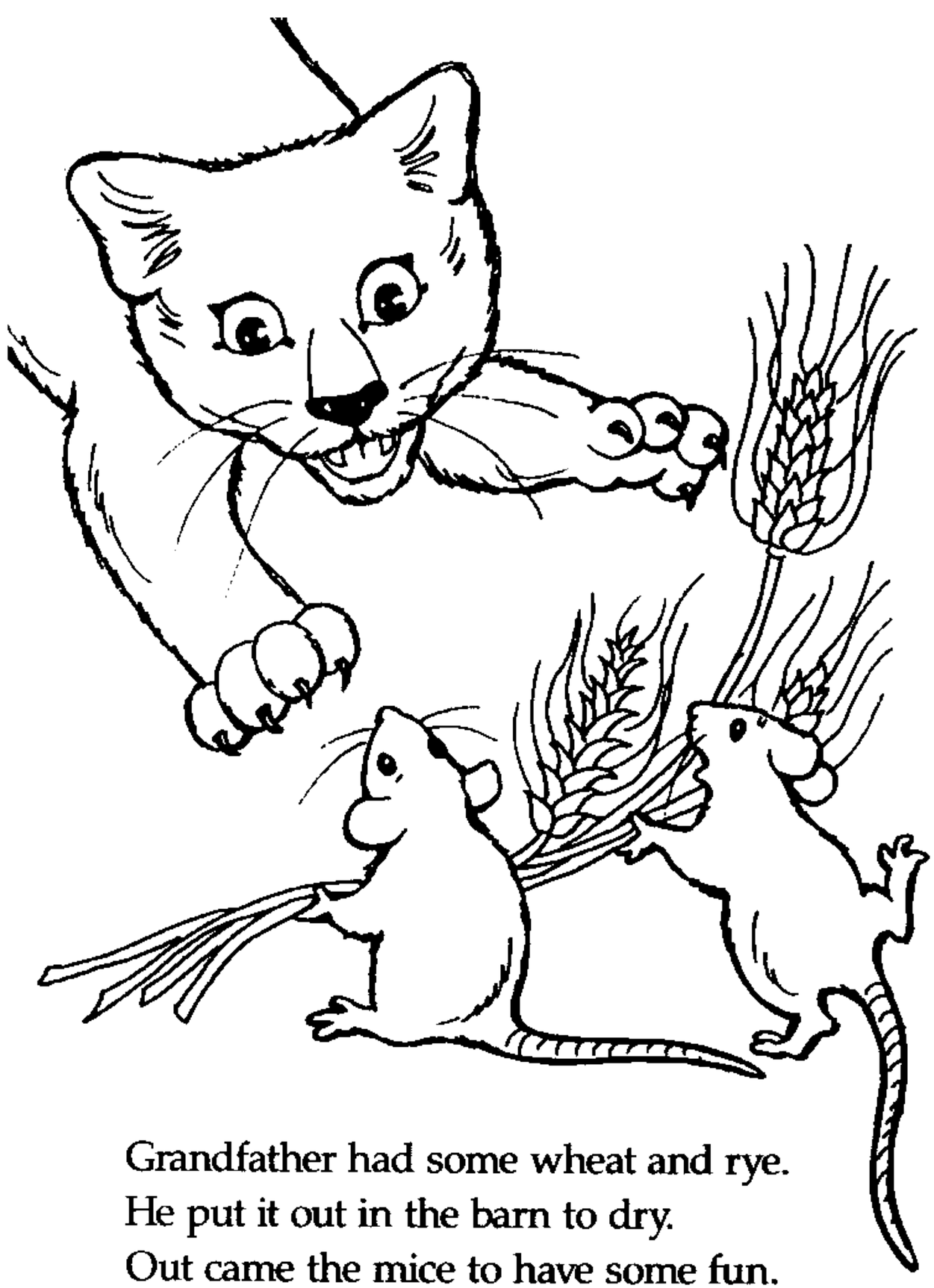


I had a little duck,
His name was Tiny Tim,
I put him in the bathtub
To see if he could swim.
He drank up all the water,
He ate up all the soap;
He died last night
With a bubble in his throat.
How many flowers did he have?
1, 2, 3, etc.

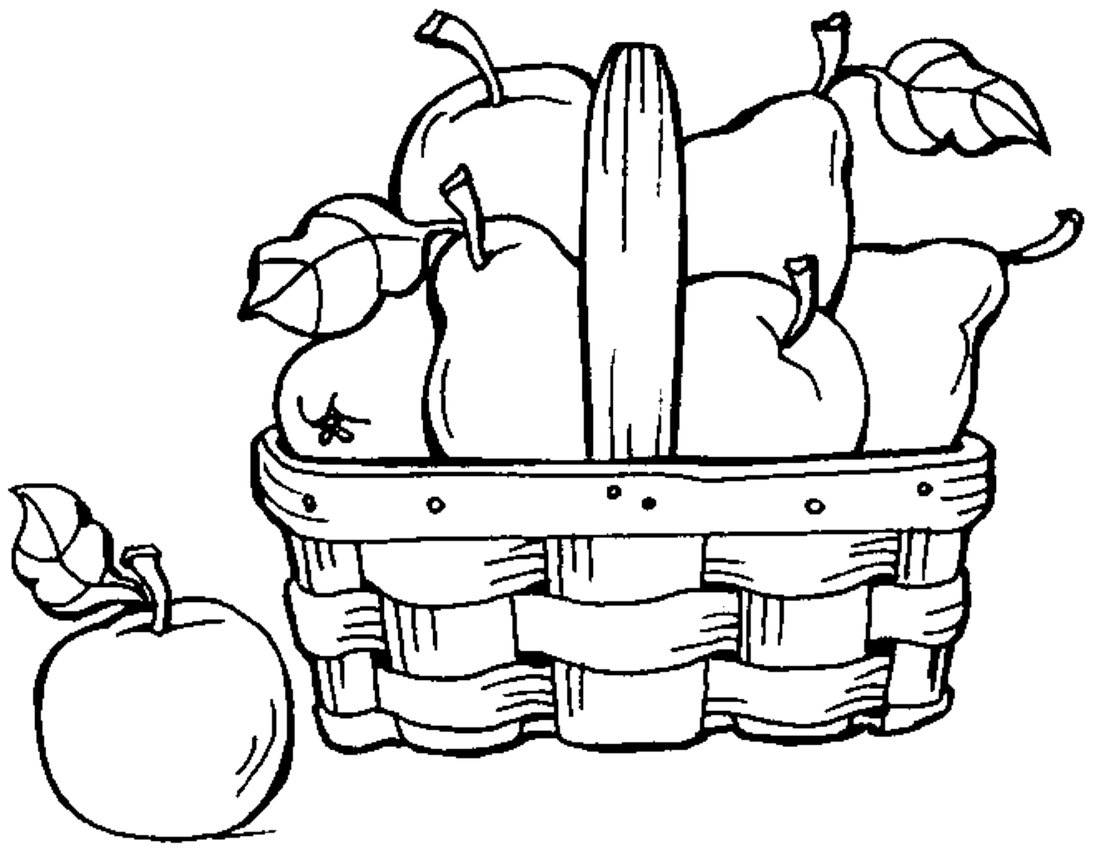
Chick, chick, chatterman,
How much are your geese?
Chick, chick, chatterman,
Fifty cents apiece.
Chick, chick, chatterman,
That's too dear,
Chick, chick, chatterman,
You get out of *here*.

John says to John,
"How much are your geese?"
John says to John,
"Twenty cents apiece."
John says to John,
"That's too dear."
John says to John,
"Get out of here!"





Grandfather had some wheat and rye.
He put it out in the barn to dry.
Out came the mice to have some fun.
Up jumped pussy cat and made them all
run.



Johnny gave me apples,
Johnny gave me pears,
Johnny gave me fifty cents
And kissed me on the stairs.

I'd rather wash the dishes,
I'd rather scrub the floor,
I'd rather kiss the iceman
Behind the kitchen door.